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SUBJECT: LOS: GROUP OF FIVE HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING:
CONSULTATIONS MAY 8

1. GROUP OF FIVE MEETING MAY 8 DEVOTED TO DEEP SEA-
BED ISSUE. US (RATINER) SUMMARIZED NEW YORK MEETING
ON SEABED MINING RULES AND REGS (APRIL 16-19) US
(STEVENSEN) MADE CLEAR THAT US PREFERS TO HAVE PRIVATE
PARTIES APPLY DIRECTLY FOR LICENSES THROUGH SPONSORING
STATE AND HAVE ACCESS TO TRIBUNAL IN TECHNICAL DISPUTES
AGAINST THE AUTHORITY OR ITS ORGANS. POSITION WAS NOT
ACCEPTED BY UK AND FRANCE. USSR OPENED NEW AND INTER-
ESTING DIALOGUE CONCERNING POSSIBILITY OF SUIT BY
PRIVATE PARTIES AGAINST DESIGNATED ORGAN OF AUTHORITY.
JAPAN SAID ITS POSITION NOT YET DETERMINED ON ISSUE

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AND GOJ STILL FLEXIBLE.

2. QUOTA SYSTEM. THERE WAS GENERAL DISCUSSION OF UK QUOTA SYSTEM. UK (ARCHER) STRESSED THAT FUNDAMENTAL PURPOSE OF UK PROPOSAL WAS NOT TO PROTECT UK INTERESTS BUT WAS INTENDED TO MAKE LICENSING SYSTEM MORE NEGOTIABLE. USSR, FRANCE AND JAPAN ALL EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR SOME SYSTEM LIMITING ALLOCATION OF MINE SITES. UK (CHAMBERLAIN) SUGGESTED THAT HE WAS DOING SOME PERSONAL WORK TO DEVELOP A SIMPLIFIED FORMULA BY WHICH ANY ONE COUNTRY COULD HOLD NO MORE THAN A CERTAIN PERCENT OF SEABED AREA. US (STEVENSEN) REAFFIRMED ITS STRONG VIEW THAT NO QUOTA SYSTEM IF EFFECTIVE COULD AVOID LIMITS ON ACCESS OR AMOUNTS OF PRODUCTION AND THUS QUOTA SYSTEM OF ANY KIND NOT ACCEPTABLE.

3. FUTURE COORDINATION. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION ON WHAT STEPS TO TAKE TO FACILITATE NEGOTIATION ON SEABED MINING RULES AND REGS. US (RATINER) INFORMED GROUP THAT HE WOULD NOT MAKE TRIPS TO TWO LDC LEADERS TO WORK OUT RULES AND REGS GIVING NEUTRAL PRESENTATION OF ALTERNATIVES AS HAD EARLIER BEEN SUGGESTED. JEANNEL SAID THAT LDC DRAFT RULES AND REGS HAD BEEN CIRCULATED AT NAIROBI LDC MEETING IN APRIL AND, WHILE NOT ADOPTED HAD NOT BEEN REJECTED AND MIGHT BE TABLED AT CARACAS CONFERENCE. ROMANOV URGED THAT GROUP OF FIVE TAKE COMMON POSITION AT CONFERENCE THAT THERE MUST BE SEABED MINING RULES AND REGS. HE FURTHER STATED THAT USSR HAS ACCEPTED POSSIBILITY OF INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY UNDERTAKING EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF SEABED RESOURCES BUT THIS DID NOT CONSTITUTE ACCEPTANCE OF ENTERPRISE SYSTEM. HE SAID ACCEPTANCE OF DIRECT ROLE FOR AUTHORITY WAS "POLITICAL CONCESSION" MADE IN EXPECTATION OF CONCESSION FROM OTHER SIDE. USSR HAS RECEIVED NO SUCH RESPONSE AND THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT FOR THIS FUNCTION OF AUTHORITY. ALL DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED IMPORTANCE OF GROUP OF FIVE MAINTAINING CLOSE CONTACT WITH LDC LEADERS IN COMMITTEE DEALING WITH DEEP SEABEDS AND PARTICULARLY WITH DRAFTERS OF LDC PAPER IN EFFORT TO MODERATE THIS DRAFT.

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